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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, BE

SUBJECT: TINDEMANS VISIT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

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ARISEN AND I MUST NOW ASK YOU TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE  
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FOR YOU, AND ASK FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

THE DEVELOPMENTS RELATE TO THE NEW AGREEMENT ON THE  
PANAMA CANAL. I AM CONFIDENT YOU CAN APPRECIATE THE  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ISSUE, BOTH FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF  
OUR RELATIONS WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND AS A  
MAJOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL QUESTION WITHIN THE UNITED

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WITH MY RENEWED REGRET FOR HAVING TO CHANGE THE DATE OF YOUR VISIT AND THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM, I AM, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

3. FOR EMBASSY BRUSSELS: MESSAGE SHOULD BE DELIVERED  
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BY THE AMBASSADOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL WITH ORAL ASSURANCES OF PRESIDENT'S GREAT PERSONAL REGRET AT HAVING TO PROPOSE THIS MODIFICATION. YOU SHOULD ALSO SOLICIT GOB VIEWS ON HANDLING QUESTION WITH PRESS. WE ARE HOLDING THE CHANGE VERY CLOSELY IN WASHINGTON PENDING THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE.

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